REMARKS/AGRUMENTS

Applicants respectfully Examiner for reconsideration.

1. Summary of the Office Action

Claims 2-3, 5, 7-8, 23-39 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement.

2. Response to § 112 Rejection

Claims 23 and 31 have been amended according to Examiner's suggestion. Claims 23 and 31, as amended, and their respective dependent claims are therefore patentable and should be allowed.

3. Conclusion

Having tendered the above remarks and amended the claims as indicated herein, Applicants respectfully submit that all rejections have been addressed and that the claims are now in a condition for allowance, which is earnestly solicited.

If there are any additional fees due in connection with this communication, please charge our deposit account no. 02-2666.

Respectfully submitted,

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